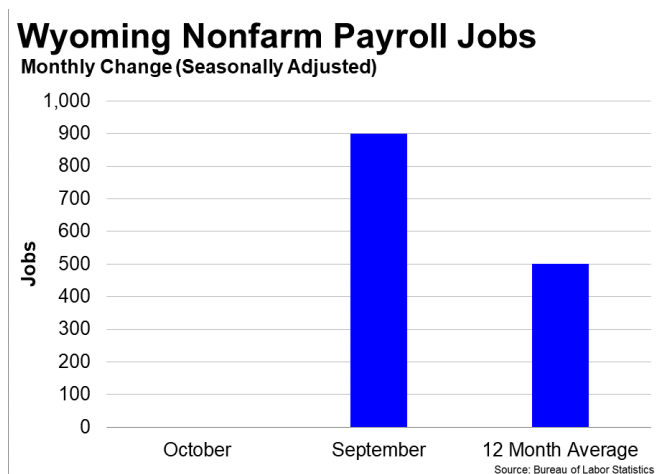
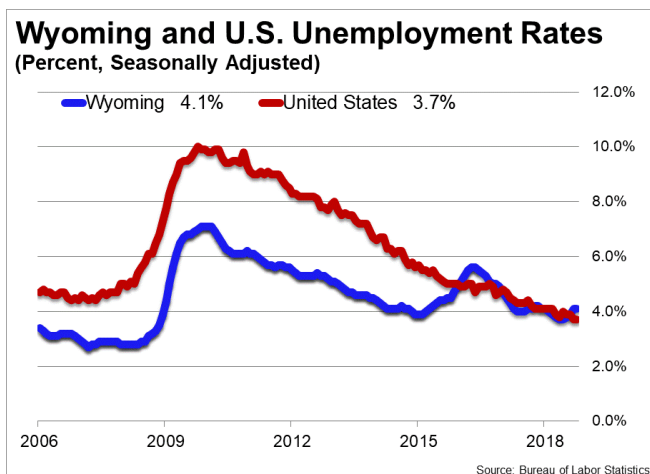




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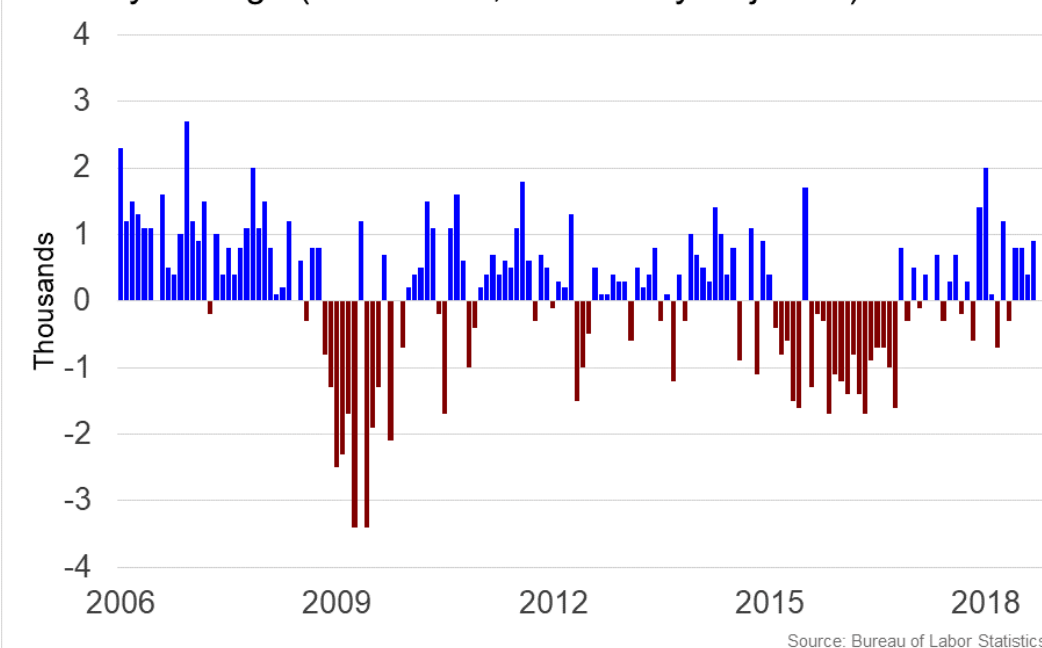
Summary

- **Wyoming had zero job gains or losses and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Wyoming added 6,000 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 4.2 percent.
- **In October, Wyoming's private sector added 100 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 6,600 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Wyomingites rose by 132 in October**, and over the past year 6,395 Wyomingites lost jobs.
- Wyoming's **labor force participation rate increased to 64.4 percent** from 64.3 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate fell 1 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



Wyoming Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Wyoming Payroll Employment

Wyoming was unchanged on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Wyoming added 900 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Wyoming increased by 6,000, or 2.12 percent. Wyoming nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

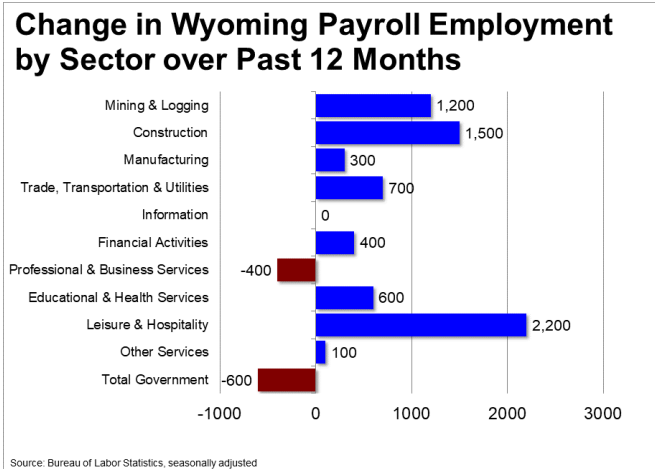
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Wyoming ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Wyoming's private-sector added 100 jobs, or 0.05 percent. The private-sector in Wyoming added 1,200 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Wyoming increased by 6,600, or 3.10 percent. Wyoming private-sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Wyoming ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Other Services (+500) and Construction (+400). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Professional & Business Services (-300) and Educational & Health Services (-300).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Leisure & Hospitality (+2,200) and Construction (+1,500). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Total Government (-600) and Professional & Business Services (-400).



Wyoming Labor Force Statistics

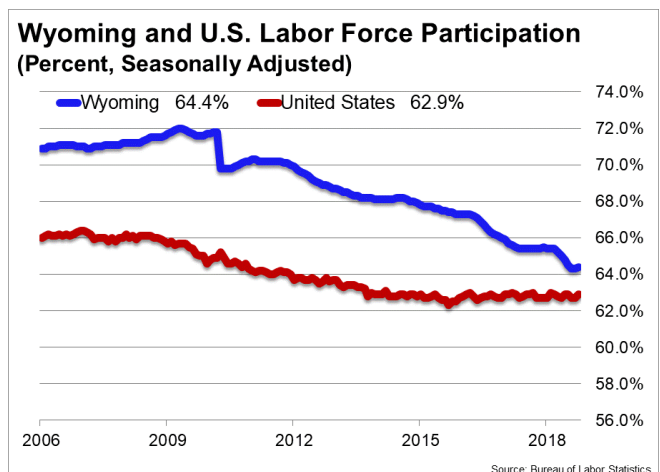
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Wyoming rose to 64.4 percent in October from 64.3 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 20 have a higher labor force participation rate than Wyoming. The labor force participation rate in Wyoming is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming was 72.0 percent in May 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming occurred in January 1983 when the labor force participation rate hit 72.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 64.3 percent in September 2018. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Wyoming. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Wyoming civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 61.7 percent in October from 61.6 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 20 have higher employment-to-



population ratios than Wyoming. The employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming is 1.0 percentage point lower than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming was 69.0 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Wyoming occurred in September 2008 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 69.3 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 61.6 percent in September 2018. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in October 2018 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.6 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

